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A8 --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1-14 with the following re-written clean versions.

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1. (Amended) A method of producing a hood for a hearing protector, comprising: injection moulding of plastic material into a single contiguous piece employing plastic materials with different properties in at least one respect.
 2. (Amended) The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the plastic materials are employed in both homogeneous and in porous or foamed form.
 3. (Amended) The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein at least two different plastic materials are employed.
 4. (Amended) The method as claimed in Claim 3, wherein plastic materials of different densities are employed.
 5. (Amended) The method as claimed in Claim 3, wherein plastic materials of different hardnesses are employed.
 6. (Amended) The method as claimed in Claim 3, wherein plastic materials with different modulus of elasticity are employed.
 7. (Amended) A hood for hearing protector produced from plastic by injection moulding, comprising:

at least two mutually contiguous portions which comprise plastic materials with different properties in at least one respect.

8. (Amended) The hood as claimed in Claim 7, wherein the portions include an outer and an inner layer of a first plastic material with a first group of properties and an intermediate layer located therebetween and comprising a second plastic material with a second group of properties.

9. (Amended) The hood as claimed in Claim 8, wherein the outer and inner layers have a hardness greater than the intermediate layer.

10. (Amended) The hood as claimed in Claim 8, wherein the intermediate layer has a hardness greater than the outer and inner layers.

Ag 11. (Amended) The hood as claimed in Claim 7, wherein the portions include two material layers, of which at least one has surfaces which are free towards both an outside and an inside of the hood.

12. (Amended) The hood as claimed in Claim 7, wherein the portions include two material layers which both have surfaces which are free towards an outside of the hood and surfaces which are free towards the inside of the hood.

13. (Amended) The hood as claimed in Claim 7, wherein at least one portion comprises a different plastic material than another portion.

14. (Amended) The hood as claimed in Claim 7, wherein a portion is disposed along a peripheral edge of the hood, is produced from a soft and elastic material, and is designed for sealing against an abutment ring which is disposed along the peripheral edge of the hood and designed to abut against a head of a wearer of the hearing protector in which the hood is included.

Please insert the following newly added claims:

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15. (Newly Added) The hood as claimed in claim 9, wherein the intermediate layer has a foam structure.
16. (Newly Added) The hood as claimed in claim 10, wherein the outer and inner layers have a foam structure.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please insert the following Abstract on clean page after the claims:

ABSTRACT

The disclosure relates to a method of producing a hood for a hearing protector by injection moulding of plastic material. The hood is injection moulded to a single contiguous piece employing at least two plastic materials possessing different properties in at least one respect. The plastic materials may be both homogeneous and in porous or foamed form. A hood for a hearing protector is produced from plastic by injection moulding. The hood includes at least two portions or layers which are united to one another. The portions or layers consist of plastic materials with different properties in at least one respect.